Amend CSHB 18 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter C, Chapter 316, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 316.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 316.025. CONTRACTS TO CONFORM WITH LIMITATIONS OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT. Notwithstanding any other law, a contract obligation of a state agency, as defined by Section 2103.001, including an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, may be limited or amended by the General Appropriations Act.